

CIA Activities

Washington, D.C.—In a letter to *Newsday*, Michael Dorman (April 11) questions a column that I recently wrote about the Central Intelligence Agency. Mr. Dorman writes as follows:

"To say that the CIA, any more than certain other government agencies, takes the law into its own hands, is to imply that the President and the National Security Council are incapable of controlling a subordinate agency. This hardly seems likely."

It may not seem "likely" to Mr. Dorman, but it was a grave concern to President Truman, who created the agency, and to President Kennedy, who publicly took the blame for the CIA's Bay of Pigs fiasco. The critical reaction of Presidents Truman and Kennedy to the policy-making activities of the CIA are now well known, and do not need to be repeated here. —Clayton Fritchey

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